Duty levied on Rubber.

441. ❋MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether duty is levied on rubber exported from Travancore?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

Uncultivated Lands.

442. ❋MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any registered lands in the hills of Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks remain uncultivated during the current year;

(*b*) the total area of such lands; and

(*c*) the reasons for non-cultivation?

MR. K KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Kalkulam taluk—Nil.
Vilavankod taluk—383 acres and 16 cents.

(*c*) The reasons are (1) the rocky and unfertile nature of the lands;

(2) want of capital for investment; and

(3) setting apart portions of land for growing green manure.

Land assigned for Cardamom cultivation.

443. ❋MR. TARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total extent of land assigned for cardamom cultivation in the Devicolam and the Peermade taluks, how much of it was registered in favour of Travancoreans and how much to foreigners?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: The statement called for is given below.

1. Total extent of land assigned for cardamom cultivation in the Devicolam and Peermade taluks.	About 57791 acres.
2. The area registered in favour of Travancoreans.	About 10153 acres.
3. The area registered in favour of foreigners.	About 47638 acres.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: What is the maximum acreage registered in the name of a single Travancorean?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Disafforestation.

444. ❋MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have disafforested any area from the forest for agricultural operation on a lease basis in 1117; and

(*b*) if so, the acreage and the places they have disafforested and the term of lease for allotment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No; but leases for taungya cultivation of certain areas in reserved forests for a period of 3 years have been given.

(*b*) A statement of the places given on lease is furnished below:—

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Quilon Division.

1. 110 acres in Ezhukone Grazing Block No. 4 for raising tapioca cum cashewnut—lease current for 3 years.
2. 19·46 acres in Irattur reserve on a three years' taungya lease for the same purpose.

Southern Division.

1. 188 acres in the Thonnakkal reserve on three years' lease for taungya.
2. 10 acres in Arianad reserve for taungya lease for three years.
3. 25 acres in Valiamala reserve for — Do.
4. 30 acres in Thungampara reserve — Do.
5. 50½ acres in Pachamala reserve — Do.
6. 25 acres in Thodalicad reserve — Do.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU : ഫ ഫ ഠ ഏക്കർസ്ഥലം ന വർഷത്തെ പാട്ടത്തിനു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഉത്തരത്തിൽ കാണുന്നു. സിസ്റ്റം അനുസരിച്ചാണോ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : അതെ.

Swampy areas in the Reserved Forests.

445. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Agriculture has stated on behalf of Government in the last session of the Sri Mulam Assembly that the suitable swampy areas in the reserved forests will be leased out to the public for paddy or other food crop cultivation under conditions to be prescribed by Government ;

(*b*) the number of applications, if any, received by Government for the purpose ; and

(*c*) the action taken on them ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 18.

(*c*) Pursuant to one of the applications an area of 8·93 acres of land in the Kottapara Reserve has been ordered to be leased out to the applicant for paddy cultivation. The other applications are being investigated with reference to their effect on forest conservancy. Swampy areas in two localities have been reported to be suitable for being leased out without detriment to forest conservancy. The leasing of these areas is under consideration.

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : I claim notice.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know the names of the localities referred to in Part (c) of the answer ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : One is Kottapara reserve. The other is Nagarampara reserve in which investigation has been completed. Other areas are being looked into.

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